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NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

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1. MISSION IS CONCERNED THAT FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF
PARA 2 REFTEL MAY BE MISLEADING REGARDING CUBA'S
POSITION IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM).
IN OUR VIEW IT IS NOT AT ALL REMARKABLE THAT CUBA HAS
BEEN ABLE TO ADVANCE ITS COURSE IN THE NAM EVEN GIVEN
ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE SOVIET UNION. NOR DOES MISSION,
FROM ITS CONTACTS WITH ALL SHADES OF NAM OPINION
IN NEW YORK, BELIEVE THAT THE NAM'S "EMBARRASSMENT" OVER
CUBA SHOULD BE ALL THAT "ACUTE".

2. IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT MODERATE --AND SOME NOT-
SO-MODERATE-- NAM STATES ARE ANGRY AND FRUSTRATED OVER
CUBA'S PRO-SOVIET ATTACHMENTS. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT
A SOLID MAJORITY OF NAM STATES LOOK FORWARD WITH
VARYING DEGREES OF DISTASTE TO MORE CUBAN-INSPIRED
WRANGLING IN NAM MEETINGS OVER, E.G., PUERTO RICO.
THEY UNDERSTAND VERY WELL THAT THE NAM DOES NOT PROFIT

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FROM THOSE KINDS OF DIVISIVE, IDEOLOGICAL DISPUTES.
BUT WE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT CUBAN
DIPLOMATIC SKILLS AND ENERGY ALSO GIVE IMPORTANT
IMPETUS TO KEY ISSUES OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO ALL
NAM STATES --ECONOMIC ISSUES, DISARMAMENT, AND THE
MAJOR DECOLONIZATION ISSUES. FOR THESE ISSUES --
VIEWED BY THE NAM AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE HORN OF

AFRICA--THE CUBAN OFTEN ARE PERCEIVED AS PLAYING A POSITIVE ROLE, MUCH AS THE ALGERIANS WERE AT LEAST PRIVATELY APPLAUDED BY MOST NAM STATES FOR STICKING IT TO US ON THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER SEVERAL YEARS BACK.

3. IN SHORT, IN ANY DEMARCHES TO THE YUGOSLAVS (OR OTHERS) ON THE HORN, MISSION WOULD URGE US TO APPROACH SUBJECT FULLY AWARE OF NAM PERSPECTIVES. THEY YUGOSLAVS, INDIANS, SRI LANKANS, AFGHANS, INDONESIANS AND OTHERS ARE INDEED TROUBLED BY CUBAN RADICALISM --BUT MORE BECAUSE IT THREATENS TO FRACTURE NAM UNITY AND FURTHER UNDERMINE A KEY RATIONALE (NON-ALIGNMENT) OF THE NAM, THAN FOR THE GEOPOLITICAL CONCERNS WHICH MOST BOTHER US. MISSION SUGGESTS THAT OUR DEMARCHES TO THE YUGOSLAVS, ETC, ZERO IN ON THESE NAM PERSPECTIVES AND NOT, REPEAT NOT, MAKE THE ASSUMPTION THAT NAM MODERATES FULLY SHARE OUR GEOPOLITICAL CONCERNS OR THAT THEY, IN THEIR HEART OF HEARTS, VIEW CUBAN ACTIVISM IN THE NAM AS TOTALLY WITHOUT MERIT. LEONARD

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